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SUBJECT: PREAH VIHEAR: THAIS CLAIM JULY 28 MINISTERS'  
MEETING PLANNED, CAMBODIA WITHDRAWING UNSC PUSH

Classified By: Ambassador Eric G. John, reason 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) In the late afternoon of July 24, MFA Permanent Secretary Virasakdi called the Ambassador and informed him that Prime Minister Samak had just called him (Virasakdi) to explain that Thailand and Cambodia had agreed that their Foreign Ministers would meet on July 28 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, to discuss the situation around Preah Vihear temple. Virasakdi also said Samak had informed him Cambodia would withdraw its move for UNSC consideration of this issue.

12. (C) Virasakdi related that, on hearing of the bilateral meeting, he had asked Samak whether a new Thai Foreign Minister would take office by July 28. Samak reportedly replied, "I'll find someone...." It was unclear to Virasakdi whether Samak was referring to the selection of a new Foreign Minister, or simply to the selection of Thailand's representative at the Siem Reap meeting.  
JOHN